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Heine Beaten in Race For Emigre Unit Post

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Eerik Heine, accused by an agent of the Central Intelligence Agency of being a "Soviet intelligence operative," has been badly beaten in his campaign for a post on the governing body of Estonian groups in Canada.

It was not clear whether he was defeated because of the accusations against him or because of his identification with the Association of Estonian Nationalists, a militantly right-wing group.

Heine was one of 60 candidates for 35 positions on the governing body of the Estonian National

Council. The election was held in late May and final results have just become available.

43rd Out of 60

Heine, who lives in a suburb of Toronto, received 1,113 votes and ran 43rd in the group of 60. The largest number of votes cast for one candidate was 2,608.

The Association of Estonian Nationalists ran a slate of 25 candidates, including Heine, and all 25 were defeated. The association, sometimes known as the Estonian Nationalist party, conducted a vigorous campaign, including publication of four issues of its own newspaper. There was no formal opposition slate.

The election for members of the governing body, which represents the major Estonian groups in Canada, is held every three years. In the last election, before he had been publicly accused of being a Soviet agent, Heine received the largest number of votes cast for any candidate.

Slander Suit

In a \$110,000 slander suit filed in Federal District Court in Baltimore, Heine has accused Juri Raus, of Hyattsville, Md., of calling him a Communist and a Soviet agent.

In an unprecedented action, the CIA acknowledged, in affidavits filed with the court, that Raus was acting as a CIA agent under instructions to warn fellow Estonians that Heine was a "dispatched Soviet intelligence operative, a KGB agent."

A further hearing in Heine's suit against Raus is scheduled for the latter part of August. Raus has claimed that he has absolute immunity against a slander suit because he was acting in his capacity as an agent of the government when he made the charges against